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SUBJ: BULGARIAN EMIGRATION POLICIES AND JACKSON AMENDMENT

REF: SOFIA 0488

1. MOST PERTINENT BULGARIAN LEGISLATION IS 1969 ACT GOVERN-
ING PASSPORT ISSUANCE. LAW GIVES GOVERNMENT BROAD AUTHORITY
TO REFUSE PASSPORTS WITH MOST GENERAL PROVISION BEING ARTICLE
7 (PARA D) DENYING PASSPORTS TO THOSE " WHOSE TRAVEL ABROAD
DOES NOT CONFORM WITH THE INTERESTS OF THE STATE OR WHOSE
CONDUCT WHEN ABROAD HAS DAMAGED THE REPUTATION OF THE PEOPLE' S
REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA".

2. INFORMATION FROM VISA INTERVIEWS AND EMBASSY LEGAL CON-
SULTANT INDICATES FEE FOR PASSPORT VALID FOR TRAVEL TO FREE WORLD
IS ABOUT 50 LEVA (\$30). PASSPORTS FOR TRAVEL IN SOVIET BLOC
COST ABOUT 20 LEVA (\$12) WHILE EXIT VISA COSTS ADDITIONAL
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10 LEVA (\$6).

3. BULGARIAN NATIONALITY LAWS LIMITING AND LARGELY PROHIBITING
BULGARIAN CITIZENS FROM BECOMING CITIZEN OF ANOTHER STATE
ALSO BESPEAK TOUGH GOB ATTITUDE ON EMIGRATION.
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